MINUTES SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE BOARD OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY

Wednesday, October 9, 2013 Room 310, City Hall 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dean Gerondale, Ben Heiman, Kathy De Cremer, Heidi Michel

EXCUSED: Renee Keehan

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gerondale.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Kathy De Cremer to approve the September 11, 2013 Minutes, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. APPEALS

Motion made by Ben Heiman to move item (b) up in the agenda, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Appeal of <u>Joseph Vaquera</u> requesting to move to 1139 E. Walnut St. (upper)

Joseph appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Joseph of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims. Joseph appeared before the Board in September and was instructed to bring treatment documentation today, which the Board reviewed.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Joseph Vaquera, address specific, was made by Kathy De Cremer, seconded by Heidi Michel. All in favor. Motion carried.

a. Appeal of <u>Joshua Arcand</u> requesting to move to 899 Liberty St.

Joshua Arcand did not appear.

A motion to DENY the appeal of Joshua Arcand was made by Heidi Michel, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Appeal of <u>Hector Sanchez</u> requesting to move to 1930 Eastman Ave.

Hector appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Hector of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Hector currently lives with his girlfriend. However, she is selling her house in order for her and Hector to move in with her brother at 1930 Eastman Avenue who has MS.

In 1992, Hector was convicted of child molestation in the state of Arizona. The victim was age 15 and Hector was 41. At the time, Hector was living with the victim's mother. The victim accused him of fondling her, which Hector later admitted. He served seven years in prison and was released in 1999.

Hector moved to Wisconsin in 2004 and has been employed with Pomp's Tires for approximately 10 years. He is not under DOC supervision.

A motion is made by Kathy De Cremer and seconded by Ben Heiman to move into closed session to discuss Hector's treatment, pursuant to Section 146.82(1), Wis. Stats. All in favor. Motion carried. A motion is made by Kathy De Cremer and seconded by Ben Heiman to return to open session. All in favor. Motion carried.

Holly Van Ark, 1247 Melody Drive, appeared on Hector's behalf. Holly and Hector have been together eight years. She stated Hector is a hard worker. He helped her with her parents when they were ill. Holly's parents lived at 1930 Eastman Avenue and the house was given to her brother. The neighbors know Hector. Holly stated Hector no longer drinks alcohol.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Hector Sanchez, address specific, was made by Heidi Michel, seconded by Ben Heiman. Three in favor, one opposed (Dean Gerondale). Motion carried.

d. Appeal of <u>Jeremy Langlay</u> requesting to move to 717 Pine St., Apt. 3

Jeremy appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Jeremy of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

In 2007, Jeremy was convicted of third degree sexual assault of a child. He was an alcoholic at the time and provided alcohol to his daughter and the victim. After his daughter feel asleep, the victim started kissing Jeremy. They did not have sexual intercourse. The victim told her mother. Jeremy pled no contest.

Jeremy is currently homeless. During the summer, he worked through Remedy at Services Plus and also volunteered at Manna For Life. Jeremy now has full time employment and an acquaintance from Manna For Life told him they have an apartment he could rent from them.

A motion is made by Heidi Michel and seconded by Ben Heiman to move into closed session to discuss Jeremy's treatment, pursuant to Section 146.82(1), Wis. Stats. All in favor. Motion carried. A motion is made by Heidi Michel and seconded by Ben Heiman to return to open session. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to DENY the appeal of Jeremy Langlay was made by Kathy De Cremer, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Appeal of Leotis Matson requesting to move to 1310 Velp Ave.

Leotis appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Leotis of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Leotis was previously approved at this location for 60 days.

Leotis stated that on Friday he will start classes with Jim Drake at Family Services. He is also taking a six week alcohol assessment program. Documentation was provided to the Board.

Leotis would like to purchase the home at 1310 Velp Avenue and live there with his fiancé, Amber Wusterbarth. Amber is present to support Leotis and stated she is also his chaperone.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Leotis Matson, address specific, was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Heidi Michel. All in favor. Motion carried.

f. Appeal of <u>Jaret R.C. Weber</u> requesting to move to 1181 Shawano Ave., Apt. 4

Jaret Weber withdrew his appeal.

g. Appeal of <u>Beau Phillips</u> requesting to move to 1915 Belmont Drive

Beau appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Beau of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Beau had been approved at this location for a period of six months.

Beau stated he is back in school for an Associate's Degree in Horticultural Landscaping. He also works at Green Bay Pizza Company.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Beau Phillips, address specific, was made by Kathy De Cremer, seconded by Heidi Michel. Three in favor, one opposed (Dean Gerondale). Motion carried.

h. Appeal of <u>Donald Buzanowski</u> requesting to move to 1181 Shawano Ave.

Donald appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Donald of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Donald stated his previous landlord would not renew his lease because of pressure from city officials. Donald came before the Board in August for approval to live at 1211 Brosig Street, but was denied at the request of Ald. Nicholson. Donald is currently homeless. He stays with friends on a rotating basis. In order to hold this apartment, Donald has put down a deposit.

Donald stated he was told that if the Green Bay Sex Offender Board denies someone, the Department of Corrections will not approve that person to move to De Pere. Donald stated three sex offenders were approved at this location but they no longer live there. The owner of the building, and Donald's parole officer, are okay with him moving to this address. It is a four plex apartment building surrounded by a cedar fence with a small back yard.

Donald was released from prison on May 23, 2012. He has not had any rule violations since being released. Dean Gerondale stated that because the Broad is familiar with Donald's case, they do not need to go over the details again.

Ben Heiman asked Donald if he is aware of the number of children in the area. Donald stated he does not, but since other offenders were approved to live at this location, he thought he might be approved also. His parole officer fells it is a good location.

Heidi Michel stated that when Donald was living on Imperial Lane, people were very concerned because of the number of children in that area. Donald stated there were no complaints to his parole officer while he lived there. Ben Heiman stated he once lived in this area and it has a lot of children.

Dean Gerondale stated he is very disappointed no one is present for public comments. Heidi Michel feels if the public had concerns, they would be here.

Dean pointed out that the Board has to make a decision based only on potential risk factors, not on someone saying they don't want him in the area.

A motion to approve the appeal of Donald Buzanowski, address specific, was made by Heidi Michel. No second. Motion fails.

A motion to DENY the appeal of Donald Buzanowski was made by Kathy De Cremer, seconded by Ben Heiman.

<u>Discussion</u>: Dean Gerondale feels some type of solution needs to be reached regarding Mr. Buzanowski. He needs a place to live and has been before the Board several times, only to be denied. Dean suggested Mr. Buzanowski have his parole officer call him (Dean) to discuss.

Donald stated he lived on Imperial Lane a year and had no problems.

Three in favor of motion to DENY, one opposed (Heidi Michel). Motion carried.

Comments by Mr. Buzanowski:

Donald stated three sex offenders were approved to live at this location. They no longer reside there. Dean Gerondale stated this would have to be confirmed. Donald now questions why he is being denied. This is the fourth time they have denied him. Donald feels he's wasting his and the Board's time.

Dean Gerondale stated some of the Board members feel Donald could still be a risk. The previous locations he's requested were not acceptable because of the location. Dean also pointed out that every case is different.

An unnamed person who appeared in support of Donald stated the Board is prejudiced.

4. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date of November 13, 2013 was confirmed.

A motion adjourn was made by Ben Heiman, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.